

Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting

July 18, 2017

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of the Town of Ashburnham met at the Oakmont Regional High School auditorium on July 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Moderator Keith Glenny presided at the meeting. The new Fire Chief James Cleveland, Jr. was introduced.

**ARTICLE 1:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money up to \$475,656 for the operating budget of the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District, to be added to the sum voted under Article 9 of the May 2, 2017 Annual Town meeting, for said operating budget, provided that no funds shall be expended and no bonds shall be issued unless the Town has first voted at an election to exempt this expenditure from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called, and further provided that the Town of Westminster also votes to approve and fund its proportional share of such additional appropriations, or act in relation thereto. (requested by the Board of Selectman)

Ed Vitone motioned to move the question to ballot vote.

Majority voted YES.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Johnson  
Town Clerk

## Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting

December 19, 2017

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of the Town of Ashburnham met at The Ashburnham Town Hall, 32 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, on December 19, 2017. Moderator Keith Glenny presided at the meeting which was called to order at 7 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ARTICLE 1:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Operating Stabilization the sum of \$171,000 to the Sewer Enterprise Funds to offset receipts, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
Yes	TBD	--	NONE

**Explanation:** In the process of submitting annual state paperwork tax recap, the state returned the documentation to the Town concerned that the Sewer Enterprise would not be able to generate the revenues as forecast based on FY17 actuals. With the 12% sewer rate increase beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter in FY18, there is still not sufficient revenues anticipated to cover FY18 expenses. A transfer from this account will allow the sewer enterprise fund to balance, the Town to set the tax rate, and Town services to continue without disruption. Transferring from emergency reserves would have no impact on the tax rate. It is possible that the funds could be returned in future years from the Sewer Enterprise funds if there is improvement in the financial state of the enterprise fund. A plan of corrective action for FY19 will be worked on in the days ahead. The Operating Stabilization fund has a current balance of \$497,589.72.

**Brief Explanation:** To transfer \$171,000 from the Operating Stabilization Fund to the Sewer Enterprise Fund to offset receipts.

**Article 1 Voted:** On a motion of Kyle Johnson to transfer \$171,000 from the Operating Stabilization Fund to the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

**Voted:** YES 2/3 MAJORITY

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Johnson  
Town Clerk